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**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENTS - SNC Strategic Plan: Regional Goal Strategies

Hello Angela,

Thank you again for your willingness to join our call yesterday and listen to the concerns that Sierra Nevada regional land trusts have regarding the Strategic Plan document. BYLT highly values our partnership with SNC. Our minor comments are below:

- A major concern for the Sierra Nevada foothill communities is the protection and restoration of oak woodlands. Throughout the entire document, there is not one mention of oak woodlands. We suggest that on **Page 4, Paragraph 2** the term "oak woodlands" is added to the last sentence so that it is clearly identified as a priority landscape for restoration.
- **Page 10:** Under Policy: Strategy 5: remove the term 'forest' in the last sentence. How it is currently phrased puts all priority on forests alone for conservation.

Reasons to include oak woodlands in the SNC Stratgic Plan:

1. There are 2.1 million acres of oak woodland in the Sierra Nevada foothills.
2. 80% of this land is in private ownership and not permanently protected. Only 1% are protected.
3. These landscapes are highly threatened by subdivision and development which would greatly impact the conservation values and resilience of these landscapes.
4. Oak woodlands have the highest animal biodiversity of any ecosystem in California, with 330 species.
5. Many oak woodlands also support local agriculture as rangeland and farmland.
6. There are significant carbon sequestration benefits within oak woodland ecosystems.

Thank you,

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